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TREASURER KROLICKI NAMED NATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING STATE TREASURER

(Carson City, Nevada) – The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) has honored State Treasurer Brian K. Krolicki by awarding him the distinction of being named the nation's most outstanding state treasurer. In receiving the Unruh Award, Treasurer Krolicki was cited for his tireless and effective leadership in improving our nation's financial markets and for strengthening the protections afforded the investing public.

"I'm obviously thrilled and deeply honored that my colleagues around the country have chosen me for this special honor," said Treasurer Krolicki. "I've had the fortune of being the guy in charge while truly extraordinary events have unfolded in our nation's financial markets, including the fraudulent collapses of companies like Enron, the accounting industry scandals, the woes suffered by the New York Stock Exchange, and most recently the investor abuses committed by the mutual fund industry."

Treasurer Krolicki recently served as president of NAST, an organization that represents over \$1 trillion in investable assets. He also established and continues to co-chair the NAST Committee on Corporate Governance. "When discussing corporate governance issues, whether it be on Capitol Hill regarding Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, addressing the New York Stock Exchange Board in matters regarding its internal operations, or advising Chairman Donaldson at the Securities Exchange Commission on proposed rules, it's never a bad thing to have a trillion dollar admission ticket in your back pocket," added Treasurer Krolicki with a smile.

Treasurer Krolicki's efforts in corporate governance matters have been recognized with his pending nomination to serve on the New York Stock Exchange's board of directors. "I'm extremely privileged to have tremendously talented and dedicated people in my office and at NAST working with me every step of the way," concluded Treasurer Krolicki.

The Unruh Award is named after former California State Treasurer Jesse Unruh, and recognizes a state treasurer's unique and exemplary service to his /her state, to the state treasurers of this nation, and to the nation itself.